

FIGHT ON MERRITT IS PARSONS BOOST FOR U. S. SENATE

Ambitious Young Republican
Said to Be After Root's Job
as Spoils of Victory.

STIR THINGS UP-STATE.

Dana on Whirlwind Trip Finds
Old Guard Speakership
Candidate Ahead.

That the action of the New York Assembly in voting to stand by Charles A. Dana, after last night's meeting of the New York County Republican Assembly, immediately placed the whirlwind trip upstate. Dana and the federal crowd claim that they already have sufficient votes to elect Merritt, but they aren't taking any chances.

Before his departure Mr. Dana learned that Assemblyman Merritt had taken to the streets to rally his supporters. Dana, claiming that it will have a great effect on the election in Albany on Tuesday night, but acting under the theory that almost anything is likely to happen in politics, and remembering that once before Mr. Merritt had the speakership in his pocket, only to have Young Mr. Wade come along and nip it, Mr. Merritt is carrying up his pious with steel.

UNITED STATES SENATOR:
Robert Parsons Jr.

The card remained up only a moment when it was removed by some knowing Republican, who probably figured the party had about all the trouble it could conveniently wrestle with in the present fight for the Speakership, which, incidentally, seems to have smashed party harmony into smithereens.

TURNOVER OF STATE DEPARTMENT PREVIOUS PLAN.

Those who were telling this story about headquarters to-day said that Mr. Parsons had all the political pipes laid so that he would succeed former Senator Depew. Only one thing, it is said, prevented Mr. Parsons from satisfying his ambitions—the State was Democratic. Parsons had the machinery, but the machinery could not be worked without a majority. The downfall of the old guard at Saratoga, which was accomplished by Mr. Roosevelt through the co-operation of Mr. Parsons and the New York and Kings County forces, was all a part of the plan to make Mr. Parsons United States Senator.

Placing Lloyd C. Griscom at the head of the New York County organization in order that he might stop all internal bickering by overruling them by the presence of a diplomat as their chief, and later the election of former Secretary of State Samuel S. Koenig as Griscom's successor—Koenig because all factions considered him to be a good fellow—were all part of this well-

planned plan of Mr. Parsons to make himself a Senator.

"You can see the workings of this plan even in the Board of Aldermen," said the Evening World's informant. "You can see the deals in prospective chairmanships which are intended to mean that when the time comes every one will be friendly to Mr. Parsons for United States Senator."

"Even the fight over the Speakership of the Assembly to-day is the direct result of Mr. Parsons's ambition. Did you notice how, for a time, the New York County organization took things quietly and was almost on the verge of acquiescing in the election of Mr. Merritt? Then suddenly Chairman Koenig decided that it would be ill-advised to elect Mr. Merritt, the candidate of the Old Guard."

LONG TIME AHEAD, BUT PARSONS NEEDS IT.

"Why, it is as easy to do it out as the nose on your face. The Parsons boys need all the State patronage it can get. Oh, yes! It's a long time ahead. But if Mr. Parsons's allies can get control of the Legislature now, they will have a systematic machine in their possession by the time it comes to elect Mr. Root's successor."

The seat of warfare to elect Merritt for Speaker of the Assembly was removed from New York to-day. Charles A. Dana, after last night's meeting of the New York County Republican Assembly, immediately placed the whirlwind trip upstate. Dana and the federal crowd claim that they already have sufficient votes to elect Merritt, but they aren't taking any chances.

MAKING FIGHT ON HOPES AND PROMISES.

Unfortunately for Mr. Merritt and the Old Guard, its patronage bird is pretty nearly divested of plumage, so that its flight is being made more on hopes and promises. For instance, one of the promises which has been made New York County is the chairmanship of the Assembly Cities Committee. Andrew Murray (whom Mr. Koenig says declined to be the Progressive candidate, Mr. Murray replying that it was never offered to him) is going to get that if he stands pat against his own organization and votes for Merritt. And it looks as though Mr. Murray would stand pat, because he refused to attend the conference last night.

To those familiar with methods at Al-

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"The daily use of Vernas is a health insuring habit."

Vernas Lotion

bany. Murray's loyalty to Merritt is most remarkable, for no legislator found the iron heel of the Merritt organization crushing his legislation more than did this same Mr. Murray.

The federal crowd is said to have sent out a quiet little tip to districts where federal jobs were numerous but where assemblymen were inclined toward Merritt. That, unless there was a shift upon the part of the legislators there might be some ex-servants.

**HUNTS FIRE FOR HOURS.
FINDS IT IN A CEILING.**

Much Smoke and Little Blaze Mark
Peculiar Fire That Was a Long
Time Lost.

For several hours this morning Supt. Wines of the Young Building, Broadway and Houston street, had smelled smoke. He tried in vain to locate the cause and warned all the occupants of the building to prepare for possible trouble. The

building is occupied by several hat and feather concerns and many at once began to get their stock ready for quick removal.

About 11 o'clock Wines found the smoke was coming from the ceiling on the fourth floor and was rapidly filling the building. He sent in an alarm and the situation looked serious and the high pressure service, under Deputy Chief Langford, was sent for. The fire did not spread, but considerable damage was done to hats and feathers. The offices mostly affected were those of N. Hornstein and Arthur Schlesinger, on the fifth floor, and R. Rosen & Co. and the Potter Hat Company, on the fourth floor.

The fire was caused by defective insulation. The great quantity of smoke caused the tenants to leave the building in a hurry and a large crowd gathered about the building. The reserves from the Mulberry and Macdougall street stations were summoned and under command of Captain Raith kept the crowd back and prevented traffic congestion.

No Hayti Station for Germany.
BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The Foreign Office

authorizes the most absolute denial of the statement in an article in the Temps of Paris that Germany is contemplating the establishment of a coaling station in Hayti in view of the opening of the Panama Canal. The article intimated that France should act in a similar way.

IF YOU HAVE A COUGH

Take Father John's Medicine

Coughs and throat and lung troubles are always dangerous and you should remember that the soothing, healing elements of which Father John's Medicine is composed allay the irritation at once and restore normal health.

IF YOU ARE RUN DOWN

Take Father John's Medicine

If you need a tonic you can find no better food medicine and body builder than Father John's Medicine because it is made of pure and wholesome nourishment which builds up the system and makes flesh.

Franklin Simon & Co.

Fifth Avenue—37th and 38th Sts.

Large Price Reductions for Friday

Goods purchased at this sale will not be charged until February 1st.

Misses' and Girls' Coats

Girls' Winter Coats
Full length model of all wool chevrons, in navy, Copenhagen or brown.
8 to 14 years. Heretofore \$14.50 **7.50**

Girls' Chinchilla Coats
Full length, button-to-neck model, in gray or navy, wool lined.
4 to 14 years. Heretofore \$14.50 **8.50**

Girls' Dressy Coats
Of broadcloth or ribeline, in navy, black and colors; silk lined.
8 to 14 years. Heretofore \$29.50 **16.50**

Misses' Chinchilla Coats
New mannish full-length model, convertible collar, in navy or gray.
14 to 20 years. Heretofore \$29.50 **18.50**

Misses' Dressy Black Coats
Of broadcloth, trimmed with braid and velvet, silk lined, interlined.
14 to 20 years. Heretofore \$29.50 **18.50**

Moire Pony Skin Coats
Full length, of light weight moire pony skins; broadcloth silk lined.
14 to 20 years. Heretofore \$59.50 **34.50**

Fur Trimmed Pony Coats
Full length, natural racoon, shawl collar and cuffs, silk lining.
14 to 20 years. Heretofore \$69.50 **47.50**

Boys' and Youths' Clothing

Boys' All Wool Suits
Nortfolk and double breasted models, extra pair of knickerbockers.
8 to 17 years. Heretofore \$9.75 **6.50**

Boys' Winter Overcoats
Scotch tweeds; also navy or gray cheviot, wool lined, velvet collar.
3 to 10 years. Heretofore \$9.75 **5.00**

Boys' Chinchilla Overcoats
Of navy, Oxford or brown all wool chinchilla; velvet collar; flannel lined.
3 to 10 years. Heretofore \$9.75 **6.95**

Boys' Long Overcoats
Convertible collar model of imported all wool tweeds.
10 to 17 years. Heretofore \$12.50 **7.50**

Young Men's Suits
Custom tailored Suits; all wool imported fabrics.
31 to 40 chest. Heretofore \$18.75 **11.50**

Young Men's Suits
Hand tailored Suits of all wool imported fabrics.
31 to 40 chest. Heretofore \$24.50 **15.00**

Young Men's Raglans
Convertible collar model, of rainproof overcoating, checked backs.
33 to 40 chest. Heretofore \$21.50 **15.00**

WILL CLOSE OUT FRIDAY

94 Misses' Cloth Suits

Of diagonals, zibeline, cheviot and serge; coat silk lined, interlined. 14 to 20 years.

18.50

Heretofore \$39.50

26 Fur Trim'd Velvet Suits

Of black velvet; dressy coat with large roll collar and cuffs of black opossum fur, satin lined and interlined; skirt with band of opossum fur. 14 to 20 years.

29.50

Heretofore \$49.50

WILL CLOSE OUT FRIDAY

97 Misses' Evening Gowns

Of silk chiffon over silk, satin meteor and embroidered net, made over net. 14 to 20 years.

18.50

Heretofore \$29.50 to \$45.00

45 Misses' Afternoon Dresses

Dressy models of satin meteor, crepe de Chine, and chiffon over silk. Also a number of Tailored Serge Dresses braid trimmed. 14 to 20 years.

12.50

Heretofore \$18.50 to \$29.50

WILL CLOSE OUT FRIDAY

Women's Suits, Dresses and Coats

Women's Dresses

For afternoon and evening wear. Of silk chiffon over silk, crepe satin, crepe meteor, velvet or serge.

Heretofore \$29.50 to \$45.00 **18.50**

Women's Tailored Suits
Dressy tailored suits of diagonals and chevrons; coats silk lined, interlined.
Heretofore \$39.50 **18.50**

Velvet and Corduroy Suits
Dressy tailored suits of imported velvet or corduroy, in black, navy and colors. Coats silk lined, interlined.
Heretofore \$39.50 to \$49.50 **22.50**

Women's Winter Coats

Smart coats for street, travel or motor wear of imported tweeds, chevrons, reversible cloths and polo cloths.

Heretofore \$25.00 to \$39.50 **12.50**

Women's Black Coats
Of black broadcloth; velvet and braid trimmed, satin lined, interlined.
Heretofore \$29.50 **18.50**

Satin and Velour Coats
For street or evening wear, full length dressy models, trimmed with braid, fringe and velvet.
Heretofore \$45.00 **29.50**

Women's Fur Coats and Furs

At Greatly Reduced Prices

Fur Trimmed Pony Coats

Full length, with natural racoon shawl collar and cuffs, silk lining.

Heretofore \$69.50 **47.50**

Caracul Fur Coats
Full length, of flat skins, with long roll collar and cuffs, silk lining.
Heretofore \$79.50 **55.00**

Natural Raccoon Sets
Large Animal Scarf. Heretofore \$14.00 **10.00**
Large Pillow Muff. Heretofore \$16.50 **12.50**

French Seal Fur Coats

Full length, of French seal, long roll collar and cuffs, silk lining.

Heretofore \$98.50 **55.00**

Fur Trimmed Seal Coats
Of French seal, apade collar, cuffs and roll front of skunk racoon.
Heretofore \$145.00 **95.00**

Black Fox Fur Sets
Large Animal Scarf. Heretofore \$21.50 **14.75**
Large Pillow Muff. Heretofore \$24.50 **19.75**

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\$30,000 to Charity WE give this amount and we ask OUR CUSTOMERS to tell us by their VOTES which charitable and benevolent institutions, societies and churches shall receive this money. IT COSTS YOU NOTHING TO VOTE.

Last Two Days of Our Great

Pre-Inventory Clearance!

It's the "grand finale" to a MOST SUCCESSFUL selling event, and an augury of MORE wonderful happenings scheduled by THE BIG STORE for the ensuing days.
The next 48 hours will see some brisk trading here in EVERY department of our two immense buildings.
"FOLLOW THE CROWDS TO THE BIG STORE" is wholesome advice. Why not take it—TOMORROW?

MAIN BUILDING

Fur-Lined Overcoats

In a Two-Days' Sale of Startling Reductions

This immense clearance movement is undertaken because we have only two days more before taking inventory; and we propose to dispose of every fur-lined overcoat in the store, by these sweeping reductions, before Saturday night.

The Savings Are from 25 to 45 Per Cent.

These splendidly tailored, perfect-fitting, luxurious garments are typical Big Store values, and no man who has been awaiting "bottom of the market" prices need wait any longer.

\$35 For Men's \$50 and \$60 Fur-Lined Overcoats
The shell is a very fine all-wool black broadcloth. These handsome garments are lined with natural muskrat, blended opossum, and Australian marmot; made with Persian lamb collar. We keep our fur-lined coats in repair for you, free of cost, for a period of two years.
At this price, we offer you the greatest value ever presented in any men's clothing store.

Men's \$100 Fur-Trimmed Overcoats—we have only five sample garments in this group, so you cannot delay; this sale, at... **\$55**

Men's \$150 Fur-Lined Overcoats—the shell made of the finest German broadcloth; lined with muskrat and marmot; Persian lamb collar and facing; an amazing bargain, at... **\$95**

Men's \$30 and \$35 Seal Push-Lined Overcoats—with Persian lamb and blended muskrat collars; also fur-lined overcoats in a splendid variety of styles to select from, inasmuch as all our old lines of fur-lined overcoats, that sell regularly up to \$40, will be included in this sale; \$25 tomorrow and Saturday, only, at... **\$25**

(MAIN Building, Second Floor.)

MAIN BUILDING

New Year's Groceries

Order your supply of groceries, meats, poultry and delicious home-made cakes for New Year from us. The savings will surprise you. Every domestic and imported table delicacy is obtainable here always in perfect condition, and at the most favorable price. Mail and telephone orders filled accurately. Call Chelsea 4000.

Drake's Cakes These celebrated cakes are sold practically everywhere. CELEBRATED POUND CAKES—raisin, plain, citron or marzipan; whole cake, \$1.00; 1/2 cake, 50c; 2 lbs. MOLASSES FRUIT CAKES—each, 10c; 1/2 cake, 50c; 2 lbs. RICH FRUIT CAKES—each, 10c; 1/2 cake, 50c; 2 lbs. SPONGE CAKES—each, 10c; 1/2 cake, 50c; 2 lbs. ORIENTAL FRUIT CAKES—each, 10c; 1/2 cake, 50c; 2 lbs. CRISP MANZANILLA OLIVES—quart jar. 45c	Fresh Fish We clean fish free of charge. Boston mackerel. 12c Halibut steaks. 12c Boston codfish steaks. 12c Boston brand haddock. 12c Spanish mackerel. 12c Striped bass. 12c Long Branch sea bass. 12c Weakfish. 12c Long Island flounder. 12c Nova Scotia herring. 12c LARGE, JUICY ORANGES—doz., 25c and 23c	Fresh Meats We deliver all paid and charged orders. TURKEYS—selected, fresh-killed young HENS, 12c; LAMB—hind quarters of fancy city-dressed, 12c; LAMB—full fore quarters of fancy city-dressed, 12c; ROAST BEEF—choice cuts of tender ribs, 12c; HAM—selected, lean, fresh; PORK—whole loin of fresh Jersey, 12c; MUTTON—short fore quarters of Canada stock, 12c; Canada stock, 12c; MUTTON—short fore quarters of Canada stock, 12c; CHICKENS—selected, fresh-killed, for broiling, 12c; F.O.W.L. choice fresh-killed Pennsylvania, 12c; SAUSAGE—fresh-made country-style pork, 12c. FORMOSA GONGLOO TEA, English Breakfast tea, pure Ceylon tea or mixed tea; 5 lb. caddy, \$2.75; 10 lb. caddy, \$5.00; 25 lb. caddy, \$12.50; 50 lb. caddy, \$25.00; 100 lb. caddy, \$50.00. LARGE QUEEN OLIVES—quart jar. 56c GUARANTEED BLEND COFFEE—10 lb. caddy, 3 lbs. 81c, 1 lb. 35c
Seed Cakes Baked fresh for New Year; 5 lb. caddy, 2 lbs. 25c	Drake's Macaroons Delicious; the finest obtainable; guaranteed fresh. CHOCOLATE COCONUT MACAROONS—24c MACAROONS—20c COCONUT MACAROONS—18c JUMMIES—18c	New Year's Nuts SOFT-SHELL IMPORTED WALNUTS—4 lb. caddy, 2 lb. caddy, 1 lb. caddy, 50c; BEST NEW MIXED NUTS—4 lb. caddy, 2 lb. caddy, 1 lb. caddy, 50c; 2 lb. caddy, 50c; 1 lb. caddy, 50c; 50 lb. caddy, \$10.00; 100 lb. caddy, \$20.00. FANCY NEW MIXED NUTS—4 lb. caddy, 2 lb. caddy, 1 lb. caddy, 50c; 2 lb. caddy, 50c; 1 lb. caddy, 50c; 50 lb. caddy, \$10.00; 100 lb. caddy, \$20.00. (MAIN Building, Third Floor.)

MAIN BUILDING

Wines & Liquors

for New Year, on Sale Tomorrow and Saturday

Paul Jones' 4-Star Pure Rye Whisky Extra special for this sale, 79c. 79c	Mercur 3-Star Cognac Brandy Bottled and aged at the distillery of V. de Vigne & Co., Cognac, France; saw of 12 bottles, regular price \$12.00, this sale, \$10.00; 3 bottles, \$3.00; 1 bottle, \$1.00. \$1.24	Guinness' Stout Bottled in Dublin; aged nearly everywhere at \$1.00 a dozen (12 bottles); special for this sale, reduced from \$2.50 to \$1.50; 12 bottles, \$18.00; 6 bottles, \$9.00; 3 bottles, \$4.50; 1 bottle, \$1.50. \$1.09	California Wines PORT, SHERRY, ANGELO, MUSCATEL and TOKAY. Reduced from \$2.50 to \$1.50; 12 bottles, \$18.00; 6 bottles, \$9.00; 3 bottles, \$4.50; 1 bottle, \$1.50. 70c
YALE COCKTAILS —all kinds, made of the finest fruit liquors; full quart bottle, regular price \$1.25; this sale, 98c	DUNCAN'S SPECIAL LIQUEUR SCOTCH WHISKY, very old and mellow; \$1.15 per bottle. 94c	American Whiskies Warranted Strictly Pure. By the Gallon. Price. Size. Hermitage rye. \$5.00. \$4.35 Treadwell. \$4.25. \$3.60 Loder Wedding. \$3.50. \$2.94 Club House. \$3.00. \$2.54 Monogram No. 5. \$2.75. \$2.34 By the Quart Bottle. Hermitage rye. \$1.50. \$1.24 Treadwell. \$1.25. \$1.08 Loder Wedding. \$1.00. \$84c Club House. 90c. 74c Monogram No. 5. 75c. 64c IMPORTED SCOTCH WHISKY. DE WENTHILL—from O. Mouchette, St. Made, France; \$1.45 bottle. \$1.29	SCHIEDAM HOLLAND GIN guaranteed strictly pure and of great medicinal value; larger bottles, more economical; quart, regular price \$1.50, reduced to \$1.10; 1/2 bottle, 50c. 79c
J.G. Monnet & Co.'s 3-Star Cognac Bottled at the distillery in France; and nearly everywhere at \$1.75 a bottle; here, this sale, \$1.34	Old Crow Whisky Kentucky's finest distillation; sold nearly everywhere at \$1.00 a gallon and \$1 a bottle; special, this sale, 67c	Dewar's White Label Scotch Whisky Sold elsewhere at \$1.25 a bottle; here, this sale, \$1.09	Dewar's Special Old Scotch Whisky Sold in other stores at \$1.00 a bottle; here, this sale, 94c
Green River Whisky Bottled by the Green River Distillery Co., Owen Sound, Ky.; sold in other stores at \$1 a bottle; here, this sale, 83c	Wynand Fockink's Old Holland Gin In stone jugs; sold nearly everywhere at \$1.20 a bottle; special, this sale, 98c	Daly's Fine Old Irish Pot-Still Whisky Received direct from the distillery in Tullamore, King's County, Ireland; extra special for this sale, 98c	"Dubonnet" Wine The great French appetizer; special, this sale, 79c (MAIN Building, Third Floor.)

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